

ATTACHMENT 3

Mountain Home Farm Camp Proposal

Having raised four children on a farm, I have an idea to share the classic family farm experience with children age eight to twelve that otherwise might not have the opportunity to experience a fast-disappearing way of life. From my experience I strongly believe it is an enriching and positive adventure. The interaction and caring for farm animals gives children a sound sense of compassion and responsibility, as well as an intangible respect for nature.

The beauty of the venture is in its simplicity. Children find the daily activities of a farm exciting and fun. The rural environment lends itself to special activities, such as hiking, special trips with local naturalists, wildflower identification, history specialists, and so forth. The environmental impact will be minimal, and the 93 acres that we have will be plenty of space for all sorts of activities.

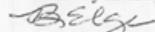
I plan to structure a five day visit as follows. Children would be dropped off on Monday morning and picked up on Friday afternoon. A maximum of 12 children per week, for nine of the ten weeks of summer, would be accommodated. These children would engage in the care and feeding of baby calves, baby pigs, goats, chickens, and family pets. We have horses, but that will not be a focal point. After feeding and care, there will be many activities, including the aforementioned nature hikes, as well as swimming, and lacrosse coaching.

Meals will be catered. Purchased spring water will be available, as well as other beverages. My idea is to use the convenience of the local Costco for the bulk of the beverages.

Hours of operation will be 9:00 A.M. Monday through 4:00 P.M. Friday. Camp will be offered June 10 through August 16. Children will sleep in large tents, with a counselor for every group of four. There will be no further structures necessary. Don's John's, or the like, will be on hand, and I will be working closely with the health department to be in complete compliance.

Education of nature and the care of farm animals will be stressed, as well as a love and respect for this very beautiful area of Virginia.

Thank you for your consideration,


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